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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Major Jacobson	Army
Lt. Madden	Navy
Major Malone	Air Force
25X1A9a [REDACTED]	Air Force
[REDACTED]	CIA
	CIA (Chairman)

Visitors:

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2. Chapter I on NIS 33 (Iran)

The date of 15 March 1954 was set by the Committee as the deadline for submission of the final drafts of Chapter I on Iran. The Chairman asked the members to submit these drafts for examination as soon as possible, but in any case not later than the stipulated deadline. He requested the members to prepare drafts in sufficient copies to allow for the submission of the usual five triple-spaced copies to D/E, plus one copy to each of the other members of the Committee.

3. 1955 Production Schedule

The Chairman asked for suggested changes in the 1955 Production Schedule (see Item 8, NIS Committee Meeting No. 161) to increase the number of finished areas and to reduce maintenance to a more realistic level. The members reported as follows:

State: The State member said that a little less than 10% of their production was scheduled for maintenance and they would not want to cut down on those which they have listed. They could, in addition to the proposed '55 schedules, do Chapters I on any of the areas they had indicated earlier they could do.

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Army: The Army member was not ready to report in full but he reported Transportation Corps is submitting a revised '54, '55, and '56 schedule on 10 February which will consider the maintenance items (of which they have quite a few) on the basis of the criteria indicated in the proceedings of NIS Committee Meeting No. 159, 11 December 1953. The Engineers and Signal Corps are also reconsidering '54, '55 and '56 schedules. When these revised schedules have been received, the Army member will examine them with a view to completing as many priority areas as possible, and cutting down the number of countries involved. With this coordination of production schedules it should be possible to cut down on the broad spread which has prevailed in the past.

Navy: The Navy member did not feel that Navy's production schedule required any changes.

Air Force: The Air Force member said that no difficulty was expected except in switching prospective areas in Chapter VIII. He stated they will be able to meet both the new sections and the maintenance on Chapter VIII without any difficulty.

4. Chapter I Schedule

The Chairman stated there are only three areas on which production of Chapters I could proceed during this fiscal year. The Committee agreed to the following dates for the submissions of first drafts on Chapter I for these areas:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Tentative Date for Submission of First Drafts</u>
Denmark	15 May 1954
Thailand	15 June 1954
Norway	15 July 1954

In answer to a question raised by the Army member, the Chairman said that procedures for handling the review of these new areas would be similar to those developed for Chapter I on Iran.

5. Outline for Section 38

The Committee tentatively approved, with minor changes, the revised outline for Section 38 (Transportation), required by the discontinuance of Supplement III. The Army member agreed to formalize this requirement by developing an Outline and Outline Guide in accordance with NIS Standard Instructions, following which they will be submitted to the Committee for formal approval.

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6. NIS Boundary Changes

The Vice-Chairman reviewed NIS policy on special treatment of areas adopted at NIS Committee Meeting No. 151, 4 June 1953, which provides:

a. Where segmented treatment in an NIS Section is necessary because of political or other peculiarities within an area, all segments will be produced simultaneously under appropriate letter headings, and they will be published under one Section cover.

b. Where exceptional situations preclude the above prescribed treatment, the problem will be presented to the NIS Committee for determination of the treatment to be accorded the area concerned.

He pointed out to the members the necessity for clearing with the Committee any questions on treatment of special areas before starting production. Normally such areas are handled under paragraph a., above. It is only in exceptional situations that it should be necessary to resort to paragraph b., above, since this may require complicated arrangements costly to publish and confusing to the user of the NIS.

7. Proposal on NIS Area 50

The State member reported that his Agency had reconsidered the proposal for segmented treatment of NIS 50 (West Africa) for Chapters IV, V, and VI, and still held to the original proposal set forth in State's memorandum of 4 January 1954. Essentially this proposal would divide Area 50 into four parts for separate Chapter IV, V, and VI treatment:

- 50-A. French West Africa and French Togoland.
- 50-B. Spanish Sahara, Portuguese Guinea, Gambia and Sierra Leone.
- 50-C. Gold Coast and British Togoland.
- 50-D. Nigeria and British Cameroons.

The Chairman stated that, while there appeared to be justification for producing Parts A, C, and D, the miscellaneous grouping of Part B is likely to produce small, fragmentary sections. He therefore proposed the following plan which he asked the State member to review and to report State's views at the next meeting:

- 50-A. French West Africa and French Togoland.
- 50-B. Nigeria and British Cameroons.
- 50-C. Spanish Sahara, Portuguese Guinea, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast and British Togoland.

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9. Classification Notice on JANIS

The Chairman noted the decision of the Committee to hold JANIS with a minimum classification of "Confidential" until such time as the contributing agencies should take action to reclassify them. (NIS Committee Meeting No. 161, 12 January 1954). In this connection, he suggested the following notice should go out to all holders of JANIS in order that the Committee's views might be clearly understood:

"MEMORANDUM TO: All Holders of JANIS Publications

SUBJECT: Change of Classification

REFERENCE: Executive Order "Safeguarding Official Information in the Interests of the Defense of the United States", dated 5 November 1953

"Pursuant to provisions of reference Executive Order the NIS Committee has determined in consultation with the CIA and the Intelligence Agencies of State, Army, Navy, and Air Force that all JANIS publications shall be held as classified documents with a minimum classification of "Confidential" pending such reclassification of individual elements as may be undertaken by the Agencies which produced them."

Copies of this notice will be distributed to the members for comment at the next meeting. 25X4X7

10. Request for NIS Maps

The Chairman read a memorandum of 12 January 1954 from the Chief, Geographic Area, CIA, which stated that [redacted] has requested the following maps published in Chapter II, NIS 67 (Greenland):

- a. Landform Types (Fig. 24-11)
- b. Relief (Fig. 24-12)
- c. Soils (Fig. 24-13)
- d. Military Aspects of Drainage (Fig. 24-15)
- e. Military Aspects of Vegetation (Fig. 24-17)
- f. Suitability for Construction of Airfields and Roads (Fig. 24-18).

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Since NIS 67 is controlled, [REDACTED] the release of these maps, even though separate from the NIS, is a matter to be determined by the NIS Committee. For guidance of the Committee, the Chairman requested the Army member to obtain the views of Army which prepared these maps for the NIS.

11. Dept. of Agriculture Justification for Receipt of NIS

The Vice-Chairman distributed to the members copies of a new submission from the Department of Agriculture dated 13 January 1954, on justification for receipt of NIS. Comments were requested at the next meeting.

12. F.O.A. Request

The Vice-Chairman reported that note is being made in the IAC Minutes of concurrence by the NIS Committee on the F.O.A. request for Sections 30 and 31 on NIS Area 21. All members of the Committee reaffirmed their concurrences which had been made by telephone.

13. Biographical Data for NIS

The Chairman informed the Committee that a biographical compilation "Soviet Profiles" was being prepared by an inter-agency working group coordinated by CIA. Since it appeared that this requirement was similar to the NIS requirement for biographical intelligence, he had gone into the matter rather fully with representatives of CIA and State primarily concerned with this project. It was the consensus that "Soviet Profiles" could profitably be incorporated into the NIS Program and made the prototype for NIS biographical intelligence on other areas.

The Chairman proposed to the Committee that this be done, since the biographical intelligence on NIS 26 was in need of revision. The savings in time and expense through elimination of duplication would be considerable. Further, the consolidation of all biographical intelligence into one unit would permit a more effective presentation. Evaluative comments on personalities would be treated in the text of the various NIS chapters, as has been done in the past, and reference made to the biographical unit for more extensive details. In this manner, users would find the biographical intelligence more appropriately presented whether they met with it in the NIS chapters or wished to refer directly to the biographical unit.

The biographical unit would be arranged in alphabetical order with a cross index to indicate the primary fields in which the persons were dominant (i.e., political, scientific, military, etc.). The proposed NIS biographical unit could thus be used separately or in conjunction with the rest of the NIS.

The Committee discussed the proposal at some length and decided to defer decision on it until the next meeting.

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14. Release of NIS to SHAPE

Copies were distributed of a proposed memorandum for the Secretariat, State-Defense Military Information Control Committee, on the subject of "Release of NIS to SHAPE and/or SACLANT." This memorandum is required by IAC D-45/12 (Revision 4) dated 10 June 1953. It was pointed out that the release categories indicated in this proposed memorandum differed from those used in previous memoranda recommending release of NIS to SHAPE. The change in category designation was made to bring them into conformity with terms established by State-Defense Military Information Control Committee in memorandum dated 10 November 1952, subject, "Standardization of Terms Pertaining to Disclosure of Classified Military Information." The new designations, and extent of release provided for by these designations, are as follows:

- a. "Special Handling Required, Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals", which limits release to U.S. Officials only.
- b. "May be released to SHAPE and SACLANT only", which authorizes release to the international staffs of these two commands, and prevents disclosure to lower elements of the commands, to other commands, to NMR's, to national governments, or to other elements of NATO.
- c. "May be released to SHAPE and headquarters of major subordinate commands only." This term limits disclosure to members of the headquarters of (a) SACEUR, (b) CINCNORTH, (c) CINCSOUTH, (d) CINCLANDCENT, (e) CINCAIRCENT, and (f) FLAGCENT.

Members were requested to examine the proposed memorandum and notify the Vice-Chairman of any changes desired so that action may be taken by the Committee at the next meeting for the release of the NIS elements involved to SHAPE, SACLANT, and the other NATO commands.

15. The next regular meeting of the NIS Committee will be held on Tuesday, 23 February 1954 at 1000 hours.

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